

but whether the petitioner is entitled to any relief, is submitted to the wisdom and consideration of the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Robins and Mr. Wallace, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for recording the deed therein mentioned, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have received your message upon the subject of the bill, entitled, An act for recording the deed therein mentioned. The alteration it has undergone in your house certainly constitutes a new bill, and precludes us from acting upon it in the manner you propose. We therefore return the bill to your house.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 16, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from Robert Ramsey, of Baltimore county, praying a return of a sum of money paid for land purchased of the late intendand by a certain Joseph Watt, or that the same may be applied to his credit for land warrant, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Wallace and Mr. M'Comas, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Hannah Carter, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, report; that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find, from a statement made by him, that his expences in making and striking off his map of the state of Maryland amount to near four thousand pounds current money, and that he has not been able to discharge the same by the sale of his maps, but remains largely indebted, and much involved in his circumstances. The committee are of opinion the map of said Griffith is a work of merit, ornament and utility, and that he deserves legislative aid and encouragement. The committee refer to this house the propriety of granting the petitioner the sum of two thousand dollars on loan, payable three years hence, and as a security for repayment also of that sum, and one thousand pounds heretofore borrowed, the said Griffith shall deposit one hundred maps with the clerk of each county in this state, to be by him sold, and the monies by him received on such sales to be by him annually transmitted to the treasurer of their respective shores, on or before the first day of November in each year, and said clerks to be allowed two shillings and six-pence on the sale of every map by them respectively sold, as a compensation for their trouble; and that the speedy sale of the maps may ensue, the said maps are to be sold each for the sum of twenty-five shillings current money. The committee avoid any opinion on a subject of such consequence, but that the sense of the house may be fairly taken, they submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Dennis Griffith the sum of two thousand dollars, upon his giving bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of four thousand dollars, conditioned for the payment of two thousand dollars, payable in three years from the date thereof, bearing interest; provided that the said Dennis Griffith shall, as a further security for repayment also of that sum, and one thousand pounds heretofore borrowed, deposit one hundred maps with the clerk of each county in this state, to be by him sold, and the monies by him received on such sales to be by him annually transmitted to the treasurer of their respective shores, on or before the first day of November in each year, which said clerks shall be allowed two shillings and six-pence on the sale of every map by them respectively sold, as a compensation for their trouble; and that the speedy sale of the maps may ensue, the said maps are to be sold each for the sum of twenty-five shillings current money; and the product of the sales of said maps shall be applied to the credit of the said Dennis Griffith, towards the repayment of the above sum, with interest thereon, as also for the sum of one thousand pounds heretofore borrowed of the state by the said Dennis Griffith; and when the same shall be respectively repaid, the surplus, if any, shall be paid over by the treasurer of the western shore to the said Dennis Griffith, or to his order.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for extending to the securities of Thomas Gibson, late sheriff of Harford county, a further time to complete their collection, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.